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Farnworth et al.

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DIELECTRIC CORES (as amended)

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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application and a check in the amount of \$1715.00 in payment therefor plus five (5) copies of the patent when issued.

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Comments on Statement of Reason for Allowance

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Sir:

The statement of reasons for allowance that accompanied the Notice of Allowability in the above-referenced application does not accurately reflect the subject matter recited in the allowed claims.

In particular, independent claim 1 is drawn to a contact with a core *comprising* a polymer, not a “polymer (or dielectric material) core,” as indicated in the stated reasons for allowance. Furthermore, independent claim 1 does not require that the polymer be a dielectric material.

The contact of each of independent claims 95 and 116 includes a core *comprising* dielectric material (in independent claim 95, it is actually a filament of the core that comprises

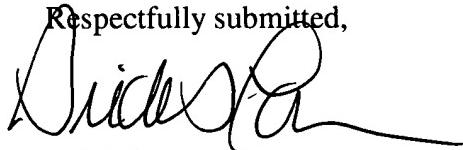
dielectric material). Neither independent claim 95 nor independent claim 116 requires that the filament be formed only from dielectric material, or that the dielectric material be a polymer.

Moreover, with respect to independent claim 116, there is no requirement that the cure be “secured to and protruded [sic] from a contact pad of [a] semiconductor device component.” Instead, independent claim 116 merely requires that the core be “*configured to be* secured to and protrude from a contact pad” (emphasis supplied).

For these reasons, it is apparent that the stated reasons for allowance are not applicable to any of allowed independent claims 1, 95, or 116 of the above-referenced application, or to any of the claims that depend therefrom.

In any event, the stated reasons for allowance are merely examples, and should not be construed as limiting, in any way, the scope of any of the allowed claims. Therefore, the scope of each claim should be determined from its literal language, as well as equivalents to the elements recited therein.

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